



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In recognition of the Moloka'i Coffee Festival: Celebrating 20 Years of Coffees of Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, Coffees of Hawai'i, Inc. was founded in 1984 by John Hays and Antonio Mansor to supplant the pineapple industry on Moloka'i and, potentially, throughout the State of Hawai'i; by 1988 the first commercial crops were planted in Kualapuu (over 600 acres of coffee or 700,000 trees); and the first commercial harvests took place in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Coffees of Hawai'i, Inc., now owned by Mike Atherton, was the first mechanized coffee grower/producer in the State of Hawai'i; and the company continues in its efforts to generate the best quality products for the benefit of Hawai'i and its people; and

**WHEREAS**, Coffees of Hawai'i, Inc. has invested largely in the economy of Moloka'i, 2013 marking the 20th year of commercial coffee production on Moloka'i and the Bicentennial of coffee being grown in the State of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, Coffees of Hawai'i, Inc. continues to re-plant its orchard and is committed to producing quality coffee for and from the "Friendly Isle" for years to come; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2013, as

## **"MOLOKA'I COFFEE FESTIVAL DAY"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating their success in 20 years of operation during their Moloka'i Coffee Festival

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth of March, 2013.

  
NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
SHAN S. TSUTSUI  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i